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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF MINISTER KINJI MORIYAMA

REF: STATE 174744

1. YAMANO, STA, HAS INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT WHILE MORIYAMA VISIT NOW VERY UNLIKELY, DEFINITE DECISION TO CANCEL HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN MADE. YAMANO CLAIMED PRINCIPAL REASON FOR PROBABLE CHANGE IN PLANS WAS MORIYAMA'S DESIRE TO SHORTEN ABSENCE FROM JAPAN, SO AS NOT TO MISS TOO MANY CABINET MEETINGS, WHICH ARE HELD TWICE WEEKLY. HOWEVER, YAMANO ADDED THAT MESSAGE FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT CONCLUSION OF MOU WOULD TAKE TWO MORE MONTHS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS MAJOR FACTOR IN PROBABLE CANCELLATION OF TRIP.

2. YAMANO EMPHASIZED THAT JAPAN ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE MOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER MORIYAMA MAKES WASHINGTON VISIT.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF INFORMATION ON WHICH JAPANESE EMBASSY REPORT OF DELAY IN CONCLUSION OF MOU WAS BASED, AND DEPT AND NASA'S BEST ESTIMATE OF CURRENT PROSPECTS FOR OVERCOMING NEGOTIATING PROBLEMS AND CONCLUDING MOU IN TIME FOR MORIYAMA'S VISIT. WE REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT MUTAGUCHI AND JAPANESE EMBASSY MAY HAVE BASED THEIR REPORT ON MISUNDERSTANDING, OR ON INFORMAL AND PRELIMINARY INFORMATION NOT INTENDED FOR

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TRANSMITTAL OF CONCLUSION TO TOKYO. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF EMBASSY'S

DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
AT LEAST AS MUCH INFORMATION AS THAT PROVIDED TO JAPANESE
EMBASSY AND GOJ VISITORS.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES AFFIRMATIVE PLANS FOR MORIYAMA VISIT
MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT VISIT
CAN BE SCHEDULED, AND SUGGEST THAT THESE PLANS BE HELD IN
ABEYANCE PENDING FURTHER NOTICE FROM EMBASSY.

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